GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2372
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2005
DECLARATION OF BACKWARD/MOST BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for declaring different areas of the country as backward;

(b) the areas which have been declared as backward during the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;

(c) whether Hyderabad-Karnataka region including Gulbarga being the most backward area of he country is agitating for being covered by the special provision of Article 371 of the Constitution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a)&(b): There is no system to declare different areas of the country as backward/most backward. However, the Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana initiated by the Planning Commission during the Tenth Plan, inter-alia, covers 115 backward districts, the State-wise list of which is at Annexure. Out of the 115 backward districts, 20 districts have been allocated to the Special Category States on the basis of population. The backward districts in these States, except Assam were included under the programme in consultation with the State Governments. 95 districts have been allocated to Non-Special Category States on the basis of incidence of poverty determined on the basis of an index computed by giving equal weightage to value of output per agricultural worker, agriculture wage rate and percentage of SC/ST population of the districts.

(c)&(d): The Union Government had communicated to the Government of Karnataka that the proposal of the State Government to amend Article 371 of the Constitution of India to provide for region-wise reservation in employment and admission to educational institutions in Karnataka, including Hyderabad-Karnataka region, on the lines of provisions in Article 371 D of the Constitution of India with respect to Andhra Pradesh, was not found feasible. Government of Karnataka has urged the Union Government to review its stand in the matter. As of now, no decision has been taken in this respect.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF BACKWARD DISTRICTS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 2372 REGARDING 'DECLARATION OF BACKWARD/MOST BACKWARD AREAS' FOR ANSWER ON 9.8.2005

1. Andhra Pradesh:

1. Adilabad 2. Warangal 3. Chittoor 4. Mahbubnagar 5. Vizianagaram

2. Bihar:

1. Vaishali 2. Samastipur 3. Sheohar 4. Jamui 5. Nawadah
6. Araria 7. Darbhanga 8. Purnea 9. Madhubani 10. Supaul
11. Muzaffarpur 12. Katihar 13. Lakhisarai.

3. Chhattisgarh:

1. Bastar 2. Dantewada 3. Kanker 4. Bilaspur.

4. Gujarat:

1. Dangs 2. Dohad 3. Panchmahals.

5. Haryana

1. Sirsa

6. Jharkhand:

1. Lohardagga 2. Gumla 3. Simdega 4. Saraikela
5. Singhbhum West 6. Godda

7. Karnataka:

1. Gulbarga 2. Bidar 3. Chitradurga 4. Davangere.

8. Kerala:

1. Palakkad 2. Wynad.

9. Madhya Pradesh:

1. Mandla 2. Barwani 3. West Nimar 4. Seoni 5. Shahdol
6. Umaria 7. Balaghat 8. Satna 9. Sidhi.

10. Maharashtra:

1. Gadchiroli 2. Bhandara 3. Gondia 4. Chandrapur 5. Hingoli
6. Nanded 7. Dhule 8. Nandurbar 9. Ahmednagar.

11. Orissa:

1. Keonjhar 2. Sundargarh

12. Punjab:

1. Hoshiarpur.

13. Rajasthan:

1. Banswara 2. Dungarpur 3. Jhalawar.

14. Tamil Nadu:

1. Thiruvannamalai 2. Dindigul 3. Cuddalore 4. Naggapattinam 5. Sivgangai.

15. Uttar Pradesh:

1. Sonbhadra 2. Raebareli 3. Unnao 4. Sitapur 5. Hardoi
6. Banda 7. Chitrakoot 8. Fatehpur 9. Barabanki 10. Mirzapur
11. Gorakhpur 12. Kushinagar 13. Lalitpur 14. Jaunpur 15. Hamirpur
16. Jalaun 17. Mahoba 18. Kaushambi 19. Azamgarh 20. Pratapgarh.

16. West Bengal:

1. Purulia 2. 24 South Parganas 3. Jalpaiguri 4. Midnapur West
5. South Dinajpur 6. Bankura 7. North Dinajpur 8. Birbhum.

17. Assam:

1. Khokrajhar 2. North Lakhimpur 3. Karbi Anglong 4. Dhemaji
5. North Cachar Hills.

18. Arunachal Pradesh:

1. Upper Subansiri.

19. Himachal Pradesh:

1. Chamba 2. Sirmaur.

20. Jammu and Kashmir:

1. Doda 2. Kupwara 3. Poonch.

21. Manipur:

1. Tamenlong.

22. Meghalaya:

1. West Garo Hills.

23. Mizoram:

1. Lawngtlai.

24. Nagaland:

1. Mon.

25. Sikkim:

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26. Tripura:

1. Dhalai.

27. Uttaranchal:

1. Champawat 2. Tehri Garhwal 3. Chamoli.